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TAGS: SOPN, LE, US

SUBJECT: REPORTED PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE SECRETARY

REF: BEIRUT 921 (NOTAL)

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2. TRANSCRIPT NOT MADE, WHICH IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PRACTICE, BUT NOTES BY DEPARTMENT OFFICER SHOW THAT QUESTION BY SIMAAN WAS SIMILAR TO LE REVEIL QUOTE. RESPONSE
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3. OTHER POINTS MADE ON LEBANON IN BACKGROUNDER INCLUDE:

(A) U.S. HAS INDICATED FULL SUPPORT FOR GOL, WITH WHICH WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.
(B) WE ARE PROVIDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO HELP BUILD UP LEBANESE ARMY AS WELL AS ECONOMIC HELP. (C) WE HAVE BEEN WORKING POLITICALLY WITH LEBANESE LEADERSHIP TO TRY TO HELP TAMP DOWN THE FIGHTING. (D) WE HAVE BEEN COOPERATING WITH THE GOL AND A WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL MATTERS. BACKGROUNDER PRESENTED NOTHING NEW, BUT MADE CLEAR THAT USG-GOL RELATIONSHIP IS CLOSE AND THAT WE VALUE THIS RELATIONSHIP.

4. YOU CAN SAY TO SARKIS AND OTHER LEBANESE OFFICIALS AT YOUR DISCRETION THAT, IN WASHINGTON, WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT TRIED TO CONVEY ANY IMPRESSION WE WERE UNSATISFIED WITH WAY LEBANESE HAVE CONVEYED INFORMATION TO U.S. VANCE

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